



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent application of
OKETANI et al.

Serial No. 10/084,888

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Group Art Unit: 1774

Examiner: Shewareged, B.

For: PACKAGED PRODUCT FOR INK-JET RECORDING MATERIAL, AND RECORDING
METHOD AND RECORDED MATERIAL USING INK-JET RECORDING MATERIAL

TRANSMITTAL OF RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Response in the above-captioned application. The fee has been calculated as shown below. *(Small entity fees indicated in parentheses.)*

CLAIMS AS AMENDED							
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)		(5)	(6)	(7)
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid For		Extra Claims	Rate	Fee
Total Claims	21	-	21			18.00	\$0
(Small Entity)						(9.00)	
Independent claims	2	-	3			86.00	0
(Small Entity)						(43.00)	
Multiple Dependent	0	-	0	0		290.00	0
(Small Entity)						(145.00)	
Extension of Time	One Month		Two Months		Three Months		
Fee	\$110		\$420		\$950		\$0
(Small Entity)	(\$55)		(\$210)		(\$475)		0
Total							\$0

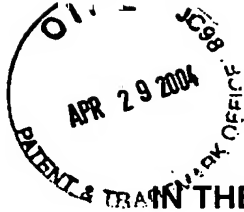
The above fees are believed to be correct. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0687 under the above Attorney Docket Number for which purpose this paper is submitted in duplicate. **CUSTOMER NO. 20736**

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In response to the Office Action dated January 29, 2004, reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks which are believed to satisfactorily respond to the Examiner's request for clarification.

The applicants continue to respectfully traverse the rejection of claims 7, 9-12 and 17-22 under 35 USC 103(a) over Sakaki et al. in view of Kasahara et al. The cited references do not make the presently claimed invention to be obvious.

The present Office Action states at page 3, lines 11-15, that:

"Sakaki and Kasahara are analogous art because they are from the same field of endeavor that is the ink jet recording art. At the time of the invention, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to combine the fumed silica of Kasahara with the invention of Sakaki in order to enhance the glossiness, film strength and porosity of the layer (see col. 7, line 59 of Kasahara)."